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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mary Lou Chapa on  
4 the occasion of being named the grand marshal for Aurora's  
5 Fourth of July parade; and

6           WHEREAS, Mary Lou Chapa was born in Texas; she and her  
7 husband, Benito, came to Aurora and started their family;  
8 together, they had four children; and

9           WHEREAS, Mary Lou Chapa overcame racial prejudice and  
10 sexism to flourish in the real estate business; when Mrs. Chapa  
11 received her real estate license in 1967, there were no  
12 minority and few women realtors, leading most of her peers to  
13 believe that she was foolish to pursue such an endeavor;  
14 disregarding such predictions, she went on to gain her broker's  
15 license in 1970 and opened her own office, becoming the first  
16 Latino realtor in Aurora; today, Chapa Realty is nearly 40  
17 years old and a resounding success; and

18           WHEREAS, Mary Lou Chapa has served her community as a  
19 member of numerous boards and organizations, including the  
20 board of directors for Mutual Ground, the Visiting Nurse  
21 Association, the Salvation Army, Family Counseling Services,  
22 Harris Bank, and the Hispanic and Greater Aurora Chambers of

1 Commerce; she is a member of the Aurora Tri-County Association  
2 of Realtors, the State Board of Realtors, and the National  
3 Board of Realtors; she is also a past member of the YWCA Board  
4 and the Aurora Economic Development Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Chapa has been an active participant in  
6 numerous charitable causes; she has helped to raise money for  
7 the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Cancer Foundation, and  
8 Mutual Ground; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2005, Mary Lou Chapa was named one of the  
10 Aurora YWCA's "Woman of Distinction" in honor of her service to  
11 her community; she is also one of Waubensee Community College's  
12 "Fabulous 40" alumni; and

13 WHEREAS, Mary Lou Chapa serves as a model of hard work,  
14 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
15 Illinois; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 congratulate Mary Lou Chapa on the occasion of being named the  
19 grand marshal for Aurora's Fourth of July parade and wish her  
20 continued success in her future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Mary Lou Chapa as a symbol of our esteem and  
2 respect.